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BOBCAT NEWS

BUCKLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome Back! I hope you had a wonderful vacation and a Happy New Year! I also hope you had the time and opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the wonderful participation with the **PTA** sponsored book fair. Because of your participation, we had a very successful 2015 book fair. Please know that the students enjoyed it immensely. On behalf of everyone at Buckley School, **THANK YOU!**

I would also like to thank the **PTA** for their Holiday Store that was held on December 18th. This was another major success and the excitement in our school was amazing! Thank you!

As we enter into a new year, I would like to take this time to remind everyone of a few important topics here at Buckley School.

- Please do not have your child slide down the hill before or immediately after school;
- Please know that there is no snowball throwing on school grounds or walking to and from school;
- Our doors open at 8:55; please do not have your child arrive prior to this unless they are coming to the breakfast program.

In addition, I want to provide you with a very brief overview of security measures we have at school.

- Please know that we conduct emergency drills (fire drills and lockdown drills) on a monthly basis;
- Staff are assigned at our doorways on Vernon Street and Barry Road in the morning and afternoon to ensure that your child is supervised;

- All parents/guardians must continue to check in and sign in at the main office when entering the building. If you are visiting a classroom, this must be approved prior to the date of the visit. **Once you sign in at the main office, you will receive a visitor's badge. All visitors MUST wear a badge when in the building;**
- All visitors must ring the bell in order to enter the building;
- Please note that parents/guardians cannot drop off their child or pick up their child in the classroom;
- When picking up your child, you may be asked to present identification. Please note that this is for the safety of your child.

I appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we continue to monitor our safety system here at Buckley School.

Lastly, we have a math night being held at Buckley School on January 13th. If you are free, please stop by Buckley. We will be providing an overview of our math instruction.

I wish everyone a wonderful and Happy New Year!

Fondly,

Matthew Daly
Principal

KINDERGARTEN

December was a busy month for us. We had fun learning about families and various winter holidays. The children shared their family's customs and traditions with the classes and also had fun sharing their trees. We are so proud of their performance at the winter concert. They spent many music classes practicing!

Our academic focus has continued to be on building independence in our reading and writing as well as increasing our stamina. Continue to practice letter sounds and applying these skills to reading and writing. In math we finished our unit on numbers 0-10, and will be starting our next unit on joining numbers together.

When we return to school in January we will be focusing on new beginnings and New Year's goals. We will continue to be introduced to new sight words. Our themes for the month of January will be animals in winter, hibernation, and Martin Luther King.

We thank you all for your help and support and for sharing your wonderful children with us! Happy New Year!

Fondly – Mrs. Hoffman, Ms. Lavalley, and Ms. Adams

FIRST GRADE

It was wonderful to meet with all of you during conferences. We were excited by all of the positive feedback and enthusiasm for what we are doing in school! During this busy time of year time becomes a precious commodity. We understand how busy everyone is however; we must not lose sight of the need for first graders to consistently practice using their reading strategies and math facts. We appreciate all of your support and hope that you all have a healthy and happy New Year!

Sincerely - Mrs. Bourcier & Ms. Seaha

SECOND GRADE

This month, the students will be focusing on amping up their reading power to read longer books. Your students will be focusing on reading with fluency, using tricky word strategies to read longer words and to keep track of the action in longer books.

In writing, we are continuing our work on writing informational texts. Students will work to make an organized introduction, several body paragraphs and a closing paragraph to their nonfiction writing.

This past month, students have been working to solve two and three digit addition problems. This upcoming month, you will see your child utilizing a variety of strategies (open number line, break apart, traditional algorithm method, etc.) to solve subtraction problems. Students are encouraged to represent their mathematical thinking in multiple ways through using these strategies. You can practice this at home with your child by asking him or her to solve equations such as $87 - 68 = \underline{\quad}$. Challenge your child to explain his/her math thinking!

Thank you for taking the time to join us in December for parent-teacher conferences! It was wonderful having the opportunity to discuss the growth and development of your child!

Fondly - Mrs. Strickland, Mrs. Marocchini and Mr. Murphy

THIRD GRADE

In Math Workshop, we are still in the land of Multiplication and Division. We have taught groups of, arrays, repeated addition and number lines as strategies. Another interesting strategy is the doubles strategy.

Multiplying by 0	The answer is ALWAYS zero!
Multiplying by 1	The answer is always the other factor.
Multiplying by 2	Just think doubles!
Multiplying by 3	Think doubles plus one more group!
Multiplying by 4	Think doubles, and doubles again!
Multiplying by 5	Skip count by fives!
Multiplying by 6	Skip count by five and add one more group!
Multiplying by 7	Skip count by five and then skip count by 2 and add them together!
Multiplying by 8	Double double double!
Multiplying by 9	Skip count by ten and then subtract one group.
Multiplying by 10	Skip count by ten.

In Writer's Workshop, third grade is continuing to write Expository/Informational Pieces.

Third grade is beginning a new unit on character study in Reader's Workshop. A book that follows this unit is Winn Dixie if anyone would like to read this with their child.

FOURTH GRADE

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a productive remainder of the school year in fourth grade. In January we are starting new units in ELA, Math, and Social Studies. For the next few months we will be reading nonfiction texts about US History. We will write personal and persuasive essays. We will begin working with fractions in math, and begin our study of the Midwest region.

If you have any expertise about the states and would like to come in and talk to the two fourth grade classes, we welcome you! In fact, you are welcome to come in and talk about anything. Last year fourth graders learned about Lebanon, Italy, and gardening from parents and grandparents who were willing to come in and visit. The children love having guest speakers so please consider this an open door policy.

Thank you! – Mrs. Godbout & Miss Rivers

FIFTH GRADE

We hope you and your family return from winter vacation having had a restful and relaxing time together. We ask your help in encouraging your child to read at home. Reading every day is a wonderful way for your child to improve reading fluency, not to mention the enjoyment of sharing a good book with you! Practice by example and everyone wins!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like if you lived during the colonial period in New England? We are going to spend the months of January and February stepping back in history to the colonial era in our social studies unit. Soon your child will be able to share with you what life was like long ago.

Ms. Brahm, Mrs. Adinolfi, and Mrs. Jodoin want to extend our wishes for a wonderful 2016 to you and your families! Thank you for sharing your children with us.

Thank you! – Mrs. Brahm, Mrs. Adinolfi, & Mrs. Jodoin

December was a busy month in Physical Education. Students have been mastering their rolling, underhand throwing, overhand throwing, and catching skills. A lot of focus has been teaching students to step forward with the opposite foot of their throwing hand. Have your child demonstrate for you the three throwing skills (rolling, underhand, & overhand) and see if they are stepping with their opposite foot! We have also been focusing on catching the ball with our hands and cushioning it into our body and not using our body to catch the ball.

The start of the New Year brings new units to PE. We will be working on our striking skills. For older students that means floor hockey and volleyball. For our younger students it means learning to strike different objects with a variety of equipment. Some examples would be using your hand or paddle to hit a balloon or ball, using a bat to hit a ball, and using a floor hockey stick to hit a puck. We wish everyone a happy and healthy 2016!
—Mr. Kolze & Mrs. Falkowski



Greetings from the music room!

December was an amazing month for concerts! We started with the 5th graders performing at Barnes & Noble on December 8th, then two concerts at Buckley on December 15th. The shows were filled with energy, smiles, and songs - I don't know how we will top it next year! Thank you to all the students who put in their best effort!

Keep singing, everybody!
Mrs. Leonard

It has been another busy December in the Art Room! Along with finishing up projects, we have been creating snowmen and stars for the winter concert decorations. It was exciting to learn that Buckley School had another Fire Prevention contest winner! Congratulations to Elise Ryan, 4th grader. Her poster was one of the town winners this year and will go on to the state competition. Thank you to students who submitted artwork to the PTA Reflections program "Let Your Imagination Fly" theme from Buckley School. The students were Kaylee C., Jenny Roze K., Carina B., and Lucia C. Best of luck to all of you! The Lutz Exhibit will be coming up in February, so I will be sending home permission slips by the end of January and passing along more information as soon as I can. I hope that you and your family enjoyed your holiday and winter vacation. I look forward to beginning another new year teaching art to your children!

—Mrs. Maloney - Art



SCHOOL NURSE

GUIDELINES FOR SICK CHILDREN "Should they stay or should they go?"

Deciding when a child is too sick to go to school can be a difficult decision for parents to make. When trying to decide, use the guidelines below and seek the advice of your health care provider.

- **FEVER:** If your child has a temperature of 100.4 or greater he/she must stay home. Your child cannot return to school until the temperature returns to normal range for at least 24 hours.
- **COLDS:** Your child must stay home if he/she has a thick, colored discharge from the nose or has a wheezing or croupy (barky) cough. For more severe symptoms, your child must remain at home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone and the appetite returns to normal.
- **CONJUNCTIVITIS:** (Pink Eye) Your child may return after they have been on antibiotic eye drops for 24 hours and the white of the eye returns to it's normal appearance.
- **STREP THROAT:** Your child may return to school when their temperature is normal for at least 24 hours and your child has taken antibiotics for at least 24 hours. All severe sore throats and swollen glands should be evaluated by a health care provider.
- **RASH:** Your child should stay home and be evaluated by a health care provider for any unknown rashes.
- **IMPETIGO:** Your child may return to school only after using prescribed medication for at least 24 hours. Infected areas must be covered when your child returns. Your child may not return to school with open, oozing sores.
- **VOMITING:** Your child may not return to school until there is no fever or vomiting for at least 24 hours and has tolerated at least 2 normal meals.

In the event that your child does not have a fever, if they are exhibiting negative changes in behavior, temperament, or classroom performance due to various health concerns (ie. Fatigue, cold symptoms, constipation, etc.) you will be called to pick up your student.

Thank you for considering the health of your child and the other children in their classroom as you follow these guidelines before sending your child to school. As always, feel free to call me with any questions at 647-3303.

Stay Well,
Mrs. Hussey

MEDIA CENTER

Well, the holidays are over at last. Now you will have a chance to catch your breath and relax. And if the weather remains the same as December you might want to refresh your building skills with Alice Schertle's terrific " **How to Build a Snowman.**" Margery Cuyler's Little Nell manages to build " **The Biggest, Best Snowman**" and prove to her family that she's not too small. If your children are starting to enjoy chapter books Jean VanLeeuwen's " **Oliver and Amanda sand the Big Snow**" is a fun book for you to share. Or if your children start to complain about how cold it is and they just don't believe their grandparents stories of walking miles to school in a blizzard just read them James Stevenson's " **Brrrr!** " where grandpa describes the really cold winter of 1908. However, if the snow and cold are really getting you down you just might want to try some of the ideas in "Moe the Dog in Tropical Paradise" by Diane Stanley.

We would also like to thank the PTA volunteers, for a "Monster" of a Book Fair and for all their hard work which made our recent fair a success. Their efforts combined with the generosity of the parents and students resulted in more than twenty-five new books being added to the Buckley Library.

Happy 2016!

Noreen Lake & Donna Samborski

Buckley School PTA News and Events

BuckleyelementaryPTA@gmail.com



Our next PTA meeting will be held
Thursday, January 14 at 6:30pm
in the Buckley cafeteria!



The PTA will hear from our 3rd grade and music teachers as well as their representatives. We'll recap on the success of the Bookfair, Holiday store, and Red Robin Dine-Out Night.

Children are welcome!

MOVIE NIGHT

Want an escape from the winter? We will be having our Movie night on Friday, January 22 at 6:30pm in the gym. Bring your blankets (pillows too if you'd like) to snuggle up and watch the show. Snow date will be the following Friday, January 29.



VIP DANCE



The PTA will hold it's VIP Dance Friday, Feb 5 at 6:30pm in the gym. Students are asked to bring that Very Important Person in their lives. Moms, dads, step-, grandparents, aunts, and uncles. Watch for more information to come home.

This is sure to be a fun night!

Any interst in volunteering, please email us at
BuckleyelementaryPTA@gmail.com

***Want to know what math looks like
at school ?***

**COME TO
MATH NIGHT FOR PARENTS**

*Buckley Elementary School
January 13, 2016
6:30-7:45 PM*

SAVE THE DATE!




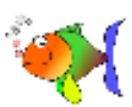
- ▶ Learn how to help your child be more successful in math
- ▶ Learn about Common Core State Standards and their influence on how your child is learning math
- ▶ Enjoy hands-on activities that develop big picture understanding along with problem solving and math skills
- ▶ Make helping with math homework more enjoyable!





January 2016 Elementary



Alternates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Produce of the Month  Turnip				1  No School
Tuna Sandwich Yogurt/Bagel Plate Chef Salad Hummus Plate	4 Chicken Nuggets Seasoned Noodles Steamed Carrots Choice of Fruit	5 Beefburger, Cheeseburger or Veggie Burger on a Whole Wheat Roll Lettuce & Tomato Corn Choice of Fruit	6 Pasta & Meatballs Roasted Zucchini Choice of Fruit	7 Breaded Chicken Tenders Brown Rice Steamed Broccoli Choice of Fruit	8 Pizza Round Cheese or Veggie Crispy Roasted Chickpeas Choice of Fruit
Tuna Sandwich Yogurt/Bagel Plate Chef Salad Hummus Plate	11 Breakfast Boat Sweet Potato Puffs Choice of Fruit	12 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potato with Gravy Choice of Fruit	13 Soft Bread Sticks Meat Sauce Spinach Salad Choice of Fruit	14 Soft Shell Taco Lettuce & Tomato Salsa & Sour Cream Shredded Cheese Refried Beans Choice of Fruit	15 Beefburger, Cheeseburger or Veggie Burger on a Whole Wheat Roll Lettuce & Tomato Green Beans Choice of Fruit
Turkey Sandwich Yogurt/Bagel Plate Chef Salad Hummus Plate	18 No School  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19 No School	20 <i>Under the Sea</i> Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese Steamed Carrots Choice of Fruit 	21 Nacho Supreme Baked Tortilla Chips Taco Meat Mexican Black Beans Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa & Sour Cream, Cheese Sauce Choice of Fruit	22 French Bread Pizza Cheese or Veggie Garden Salad Choice of Fruit
Ham & Cheese Sandwich Yogurt/Bagel Plate Chef Salad Hummus Plate	25 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Sweet Potato Fries Choice of Fruit	26 Chicken Patty on Whole Wheat Roll Steamed Green Beans Choice of Fruit	27 Soft Shell Taco Lettuce & Tomato Salsa & Sour Cream Shredded Cheese Refried Beans Choice of Fruit	28 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potato with Gravy Choice of Fruit	29 Soft Bread Sticks Meat Sauce Caesar Salad Choice of Fruit

Menu subject to change

Please log onto www.ezschoolpay.com to monitor your child's account or call 860-647-3462

Student Lunch Price: \$2.05 – Reduced Lunch Price: \$1.40

Adult Lunch Price: \$3.25

Student Breakfast: \$1.00 – Reduced Breakfast: \$0.30

Milk Only: \$0.40

Milk is available with all lunches

Daily Milk Choices include: 1%, Skim, Flavored

Fruit choices include a variety of fresh, canned, and 100% fruit juice.

Mandarin's Message

for a healthier you.



Hi from the Cafeteria!

Can you believe we've come to the end of 2015? As many of our students know, we've been trying new recipes and I hope this keeps going on this way. Have any of our students tried any other new foods or recipes? In 2016 I'm hoping to check out some new produce that I'm not familiar with. There are plenty of other fruits and vegetables out there that we haven't tried yet.

With all this cold weather, it's important to remember to eat healthy foods and drink plenty of fluids. Your body needs the best nutritional foods you can get during the cold weather. This helps keep you as healthy as possible. With it being cold outside and the heat on inside, you need to drink plenty of water and/or juice to keep you from getting dehydrated. Miss Julie and I have noticed our students are buying more water at this time of year.

This is also the time of year to wear layers of clothing. It would be great if our students would wear a sweatshirt or sweater to use during the day at school. When they come to the cafeteria, we ask them to take off their heavy coats, hats, gloves, etc. They don't realize that when they are wearing heavy clothing, they bump into other students and their trays. We end up with quite a few spills. We have some students who try to get their breakfast with gloves or mittens on, and this can be a bit difficult. Just some things to think about when you talk to your child.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to stop by or call us at 860-645-4818. We are available from 8:00 am – 10:30 am, or after we serve lunch, from 1:45 pm – 2:15 pm. You can also call the Office of Food and Nutrition at 860-647-3462. The office is open from 8 am – 4:00 pm every school day.

Please note: If you want to stop by the kitchen, you need to go to the school office to get a visitor's pass. All of us at Buckley School are working to keep everyone safe and healthy.

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Dale Schuetz
Cafeteria Manager

Dear Buckley Families and Staff,

On December 8th Buckley School received a certificate of appreciation from UNICEF. Again this year Buckley raised \$500!

Our donation will provide lifesaving vaccines, emergency relief following natural disasters, educational opportunities including "School-in-a-box Kits", and much more.

UNICEF is so grateful that we joined them in putting children first. Thank you for helping to save the lives of the world's most vulnerable children.

PBIS Awards

D E C E M B E R 2 0 1 5 - 2 0 1 6

Teacher	Safe	Respectful	Responsible	POC - Kindness
Ms. Adams	Lauren Maloney	Zoey Lewis	Javier Rodriguez	Natalia Muniz
Mrs. Hoffman	Avery Basquiat	Sophia Pitruzello	Connor Siggia	Stephanie Zalewa
Ms. Lavallee	Jewelian Guzman	Arianna Diaz	Helina Tirfessa	Addison Guevin
Mrs. Bourcier	Gavin Morris	Zora Bergstrom-Lynch	Arlen Peyman	Lucia Calderon
Ms. Seaha	Saadullah Quiraishi	Elijah Bucko	Mahlik Lodge	Anna Smith
Ms. Marocchini	Loren Roca	Ayden Riendeau	Benjamin McKinney	Makayla Motowidlak
Mr. Murphy	Parker Agresta	Rocky Bonin	Julianna Christinat	Owen Blake
Mrs. Strickland	Blake Rufini	Emma Fargnoli	Nadia Milewski	Gavin Tomic
Ms. Brown	Sapphira Costa	Katie Maloney	Isabella Shea	Nathan Jolly, Aiden Zimmerman
Mr. Sweetland	Karla Daha	Spencer Johnson	Tazim Rahan	Mya Patino
Mrs. Godbout	Zoe Evans	Nasif Ahmed	Myara Kharboush	Catherine Smith
Ms. Hoisington	Elliot Johnson	Julia Duval	Cayden Blaschik	Nicholas Foran
Mrs. Adinolfi	Siara Albelo	Logan Tomic	Ryan Ezedine	Leesa Cabrera
Ms. Brahm	Sean Williamson	Olivia Beebe	Katherine Turley	Madison Neil
Mrs. Jodoin	Allissa Motowidlak	Li'Ania Ashley	Jared Lindstrom	Sylvia Squatrito
Ms. Corwin			Arlon Poteat	Ja'Had Freeman

Mrs. Lonergan	Julian Rock		Alex Bellone
Ms. Gotta		Fiona Orpheus- Diana	Wesley Soto
Ms. Norton	Zhane Bembry		Tyson Cummins
Mrs. Germano			Dominic Paradis
Mrs. Gallo			Chris Virdokian
Mr. Kolze/Mrs. Falkowski			Jack Bienvenue
Mrs. Maloney			Carina Brown
Mrs. Leonard			Iyani Kendrick
Ms. Lake			Jamauri Norville
Ms. Ferreira			